73,656 MW (peak-load requirement). After taking into account the envisaged capacity addition of 30,537.7 MW during the 8th Five Year Plan, the power shortage at the end of the Plan Period is assessed to be 9.0 per cent and 20.7 per cent (peaking demand).

Electrification of Brijpuri, Shahdara

3796. PROF. I. G. SANADI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Senior Officers/Engineers Concerned of DESU made any commitment in writing to the residents of "D" Block, Brij Puri, Shahdara, Delhi, that electrification of their area will be done by the end of February, 1993 positively; if so, the details and date on which such commitment was made;

(b) whether the said area has not so far been electrified by DESU;

(c) if so, the reasons in detail for the inordinate delay in electrification of this area; and

(d) by when the electrification work in the said area is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) to (d) The electrification work in the said area has almost been completed except for installation of the distribution transformer. Delay has taken place due to the paucity of transformers faced by DESU. The work will be completed shortly after the availability of transformers.

Regularisation of Artists by Calcutta Doordarshan

3797. PROF. SAURIN BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Calcutta Doordarshan is still continuing to have the services of about 33 casual artists to assist in the programme at a consolidated salary of Rs. 1200 per month without any inherent benefits like, Provident Fund, Medical facilities etc.;

(b) whether representations have been made to increase their remunerations and to get them proper pay-scales etc.;

(c) whether Government have delayed a decision in the matter; and

(d) if so, the facts and details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) Doordarshan Kendra, Calcutta is presently engaging thirty three casual workers on assignment basis for assistance in the production of specific programmes. Their remuneration, per programme, ranges between Rs. 300-400 with a maximum of three programmes in a month to each casual worker.

(b) to (d) Yes, Sir. Representations have been received for increasing their remuneration. Since these casual workers are being booked on assignment basis only, it has not been found possible to give them regular pay scales. The rates of remuneration for such assignments are however increased from time to time.

Proposal for Private Power Development

3798. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a private Power Development Fund has been proposed by the World Bank;

(b) if so, the details of the proposal alongwith the financial assistance likely to be provided by the World Bank; and

(c) what is the decision taken so far on this proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) World Bank have offered a technical assistance loan and grant to be administered through the Power Finance Corporation for assisting the private power initiatives.

(b) The overall purpose of the Technical Assistance loan and grant from the